

OLYMPIC COAST  
NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY  
Meeting Minutes

OCNMS Advisory Council Meeting  
November 7, 2014

Quileute Tribal Administrative Office- west wing  
La Push, WA

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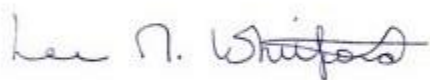
Reviewed by OCNMS Superintendent:



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Carol Bernthal, Superintendent

Approved by AC Chair:



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Lee Whitford, Chair

**Advisory Council (AC) Members/Alternates in Attendance:** Lee Whitford (Education, Chair), George Hart (US Navy, Secretary), Bob Boekelheide (Citizen at Large), Rebecca Post (WDOE), Tom Mumford (Research Alternate), Roy Morris (Citizen at Large Alternate), Joe Schumacker (Quinalt Indian Nation alternate), David Hudson (Hoh Tribe), Steve Joner (Makah Tribe), Katrina Lassiter (WDNR), Rich Osborne (MRC), John Stadler (NOAA-NMFS), Les Bolton (Tourism and Economic Development), Eric Delvin (Conservation), Jennifer Hagen (Quileute Tribe), Jan Newton (Research via telephone), Jennifer Brown-Scott (USFWS), Sarah Creachbaum (NPS-ONP), Richard Carroll (Commercial Fishing)

**Presenters and Members of the Public in Attendance:** Kelsey Gianay (WDOE), Ian Miller (WA SeaGrant)

**NOAA/OCNMS Staff in Attendance:** Carol Bernthal, George Galasso, Liam Antrim, Jacqueline Laverdure, Karlyn Langjahr (OCNMS)

Chair Lee Whitford welcomed everyone back to the SAC business meeting and thanked everyone for their productive discussion during the joint IPC-SAC meeting in the morning.

**Public Comment** – There were no public comments at this time. Lee and sanctuary staff honored Rebecca Post of WDOE who is retiring from civil service. She thanked Rebecca for her nearly 10 years of service on OCNMS's Advisory Council and involvement in Working Groups, including serving as Co-Chair positions on the Science Working Group. Rebecca will be missed for her pragmatic approach and someone will have to take over as the top motion giver at future SAC meetings.

#### **Internal Affairs:**

**Approval of September 2014 Meeting Minutes** – John Stadler pointed out a couple of grammar edits on page 10. ***Les Bolton motioned to approve the September meeting minutes after corrections are made and Rebecca Post seconded. There was no further discussion and motion passed by full AC member consensus.***

**Conservation, Tourism/Economic Development and Marine Industry Seat Recruitments–** Karlyn reminded the council that terms for three seats expire at the end of this year (12/31/2014): Conservation, Tourism/Economic Development and Marine Industry. The announcement for recruitment will be published in Federal Register Notice on November 14 with an application deadline of December 31, 2014 and will also be posted to the sanctuary webpage at [http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/sac\\_welcome.html](http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/sac_welcome.html). Current members in each of those positions are eligible to reapply for another term. Members are encouraged to share the announcement with their networks.

**Approval of Proposed 2015 SAC AC Meeting Schedule** – The proposed 2015 Advisory Council meeting schedule was presented to council members. The proposed meeting agenda for 2015 is as follows:

- Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Port Angeles
- Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in Forks
- Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in Neah Bay
- Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> in Port Angeles
- Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in Taholah
- Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in Olympia-Lacey (tentatively to be held jointly with IPC).

There were conflicts in dates noted and no further discussion. ***Jennifer Hagen motioned to approve the 2015 SAC meeting schedule and Katrina Lassiter seconded. The motion passed with full AC member consensus.*** Carol asked all members to add these dates to calendars and reminded everyone that the dates are posted on OCNMS website at [http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/sac\\_meetings2015.html](http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/sac_meetings2015.html).

**AC Work Plan Process** – Carol reminded the council that the Advisory Council is required by Charter to develop an annual AC Work Plan. The AC Executive Committee members will draft the 2015 AC Work Plan based on OCNMS implementation priorities and scope of work. The draft 2015 AC Work Plan will be presented at the January 23, 2015 meeting for approval and adoption. The final 2014 AC Work Plan will also be shared at that meeting. Lee noted that she is welcome to taking ideas and suggestions from council members on particular topics of interest that should be addressed next year. If so, please email her at [leewhitford1@gmail.com](mailto:leewhitford1@gmail.com) or email Karlyn at [karlyn.langjahr@noaa.gov](mailto:karlyn.langjahr@noaa.gov).

**Education Subcommittee Formation** – Lee reminded council members that OCNMS is seeking input on where to locate its third funded educational kiosk in the sanctuary region. The other two kiosks will be placed in Seattle's Pacific Science Center and the sanctuary's visitor center in Port Angeles, Olympic Coast Discovery Center. George Hart, Sarah Creachbaum, Bob Boekelheide and Katrina Lassiter volunteered to join the subcommittee; Rich Osborne suggested Roy Morris, who was temporarily out of the room. If anyone else is interested in participating on this subcommittee please contact Karlyn to let her know.

**Youth Seat Subcommittee Reconvening** – Lee explained that it has now been one year since the youth participation program has been implemented, per recommendations by the Youth Seat Subcommittee in 2013. The Youth Seat Subcommittee will reconvene in January 2015, but new members are needed as the original Subcommittee members are no longer on the AC. The

goal of the Subcommittee now is to review the effectiveness of the youth participation program and to make recommendations on how to proceed with youth involvement in the future. Rebecca suggested that council members find a way to monitor students' feedback after attending. Lee Whitford and Katrina Lassiter will join the new Youth Seat Subcommittee. Jacqueline Laverdure will be OCNMS staff lead. Please contact Karlyn if you wish to join these discussions.

### **Information Items:**

#### **Washington State Maritime Heritage Area Support Letter–**

Les Bolton summarized the goals and intent of proposed Maritime Washington National Heritage Area (NHA), which was presented at the last AC meeting in September. Les helped draft a letter of support for the AC to vote on approving. As background, Les explained that it would be first NHA established in the Pacific Northwest and first in the country focused on maritime heritage. It would span an area one-quarter mile landward and one-quarter mile seaward of the median shoreline from Grays Harbor County to Whatcom County (up to border with BC, Canada). It would be overseen by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, a state non-profit organization, as the local coordinating entity. The Trust would consist of an advisory committee as its decision-making body seeking grant funding to support and promoting the area. Les reiterated that the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area (NHA) would not increase federal regulation or acquire private land. The NHA program falls under National Parks Service (NPS) at the national level but does not receiving funding from NPS.

Jennifer Hagen found that the concept was a good idea but believed the process to be flawed, as she could not find any tribal letters of support. There did not seem to be much tribal representation or participation from the 22 potentially-affected tribes, apart from the participation of a tribal member on the Feasibility Study's Steering Committee. Les clarified that that the Maritime Washington NHA establishes a potential scope, which would be followed by an opt-in process for anyone who wishes to participate. Sarah Creachbaum shared her experience working on NHA legislation with NPA in the past and expressed concern over the proposed map, which includes another sovereign nation's jurisdiction. She was not confident that the Bill could pass through Committee as currently written. Carol clarified that the draft AC resolution does not comment on proposed legislation because that is out of the council's scope; rather the issue under consideration is if AC supports the concept and values of the NHA and if it is consistent with the some of the objectives of sanctuary management, and present some opportunities. Tom Mumford proposed that the AC table this conversation until additional information is provided on the scope and nature of tribal consultation. Council

members agreed to hold off until this issue is better understood. Sanctuary staff will follow up with Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer at Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP).

### **OCNMS Draft FY 2015 Management Plan Implementation Priorities –**

George Galasso presented highlights of the sanctuary's planned projects for 2015. He referred council members to the two documents: 1) FY 2014 OCNMS Implementation Report, which fulfills a strategy in the management plan (MP) calling for reporting to partners and the public on an annual basis regarding MP implementation; 2) FY 2015 Implementation Priorities, which reflects proposed priority areas over the next year, dependent on funding and/or partnership commitments. George reminded the AC that the 2011 OCNMS MP consists of six priority issues, broken down into 20 Action Plans in which there are 84 strategies. Three different funding scenarios were evaluated and the MP was designed to cover a period of 5-10 years. OCNMS is in the fourth year of MP implementation.

For the first priority issue, "Achieve Effective Collaborative and Coordinated Management" four of the major strategies addressed were highlighted:

- Coastal Treaty Tribes- OCNMS will work to increase frequency and substance of communications with the four Coastal Treaty Tribes to improve compliance with NOAA Government-to-Government Consultations. A review of permitting consultations will be conducted as well as improved trainings and reporting of consultations.
- Intergovernmental Policy Council- OCNMS prioritizes providing staff support to the IPC's Habitat Framework along with advocating support for the initiative to other NOAA programs.
- WA State- Continue to support the state Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) process as well as tracking changes related to oil transportation, and oil spill prevention and preparedness.
- Support for the Advisory Council's 2015 Work Plan.

Liam Antrim described projected efforts for the priority issue of "Habitat Mapping and Classification".

- OCNMS's support for IPC's Habitat Framework initiative.
- Seafloor Atlas- OCNMS is working with Oregon State University to compile all sonar and seafloor mapping data in this web-based product, which will be made publicly available.
- OCNMS is participating in the state-funded Spatial Prioritization Workshop is led by National Center for Coastal Ocean Sciences (NCCOS); there has been a preliminary meeting in late October and a spatial prioritization survey is planned for January 2015. Recommendations will be given in a report to the state's MSP process by June 2015 which will help prioritize OCNMS' mapping efforts for that field season and beyond.

Other Science and Research priorities include:

- Coastal Mooring Program- Continue to obtain oceanographic monitoring data by re-deploying moorings in spring; collaborate with University of Washington post-doc on data management and PMEL on ocean acidification algorithm. This is also the first year that OCNMS is keeping two mooring buoys deployed through the winter season.
- Ecosystem Indicators- OCNMS expects a product to emerge from state's MSP process to identify outer coast ecosystem indicators. The AC's Science Working Group recommended waiting for these results and following-up by identifying gaps or needs specific to the sanctuary. OCNMS will also have a Nancy Foster Scholar in summer of 2015 to identify data sources relevant to the Condition Report metrics and indicators.
- OCNMS Science Needs documents- These issue-based documents will be updated to identify sanctuary's priority research questions, with advice sought from subject area experts and resource managers.
- Liam informed the AC that he will become Acting Research Coordinator as Ed Bowlby is retiring at the end of November.

Jacqueline Laverdure spoke about priority issue "Improve Ocean Literacy":

- For K-12 Education, OCNMS is committed to place-based education such as the Ocean Science Program involving teachers, students and community members along the coast. The program begins with teacher workshops and will continue running this program in summer 2015. Students are exposed to field investigations, hands-on classroom activities and visits to regional marine learning centers in partnership with Feiro Marine Life Center (FMLC). Approximately 25 teachers, 500 students and 100 chaperones are reached each year. OCNMS also works with Port Angeles, Sequim and Joyce school districts through NOW (North Olympic Watershed) Science and summer program activities, also with FMLC, Olympic National Park and NatureBridge, reaching over 1000 students. OCNMS is the host office for Pacific Northwest Bay-Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) grants program that supports locally relevant experiential learning in the K-12 environment.
- For Higher Education, OCNMS offers internship development and supports 2-3 Hollings Scholars from NOAA's Office of Education each year. In 2015 the sanctuary will also support one Nancy Foster Scholar for research. Teacher professional development workshops with partners will continue to be supported. OCNMS anticipates reapplying for an AmeriCorps member through the Washington Service Corps once the current member completes her service in July 2015.
- Visitors Services- Olympic Coast Discovery Center (OCDC) plans to remain open daily from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day 2015 and weekends through mid-October for the annual Crab Festival.

- Community Outreach will reach a broader audience in 2015 through three newly-funded educational kiosks to be placed in 1) Seattle's Pacific Science Center, 2) OCDC, and 3) outer coast location (to be determined with AC input). OCNMS will also develop a concept proposal for Sanctuary on Wheels, a mobile education display.

George highlighted priorities under "Conserve Natural Resources":

- OCNMS will address Spills Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Restoration; Climate Change; Marine Debris; Wildlife Disturbance; Water Quality Protection; Habitat Protection; Marine Spatial Planning.
- George noted that OCNMS will track proposed facilities in Grays Harbor and the Washington Department of Ecology 2014 Marine and Rail Oil Transportation Study and evaluate for implications to marine safety and oil spill risk in the sanctuary. OCNMS will also start tracking Articulated Tank Barges (ATBs) in 2015 as a separate vessel class
- OCNMS hopes to complete an analysis of vessels that have either sunk or grounded in OCNMS since sanctuary designation in 1994 to review incidents for any potential common causes.
- Pursue other opportunities to market the sanctuary as a sentinel site, particularly in terms of climate change research and monitoring.

Finally, George described implementation goals for the priority issue "Cultural, Historical and Socioeconomic":

OCNMS will draft an outline for a Cultural Resource Management Plan, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer and tribes. The document would include a historical context of the sanctuary waters, an inventory of maritime heritage resources, a summary of applicable laws and regulations, and permit and consultation procedures.

Two studies related to Socioeconomic Values of Resources in OCNMS are planned for 2015: 1) an NCCOS project already underway on non-market values of recreation to support the WA State non-consumptive recreational use study. 2) a NOAA study Mapping Social Values, pending NCCOS funding and possible partnerships with the State of Washington and Coastal Treaty Tribes.

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- Eric Delvin proposed that the AC consider drafting a letter of support for IPC's habitat framework to present at the next meeting so Carol can forward to NOAA. Lee stated that the AC Executive Committee will consult with IPC to determine their interest in a support letter. Any AC member interested in participating in the letter writing should contact Lee or Karlyn.
- Jennifer Hagen requested reconvening the Moorings Working Group to update discussions on the sanctuary's seasonal moorings.

- Roy Morris shared an announcement for the 2015 Lake Ozette Sockeye Salmon community outreach event and thanked OCNMS and Olympic National Park for their participation with interactive education booths at the recent November 1<sup>st</sup> event. He suggested that Bonnie Shorin, Rosemary's successor to this project at NOAA Fisheries, present to the AC on updates on Lake Ozette Sockeye salmon.

The next OCNMS Advisory Council meeting will take place on **Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** in Port Angeles, WA. The meeting was adjourned.